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**LOCAL AUTHOR SEEKS PHOTOS FOR HISTORY OF FRANKLIN BOOK:**

***Images of Franklin* set to be published with Arcadia for Christmas 2014.**

Franklin resident Sarah Ann Benton will be publishing her first book, *Images of Franklin*, with Arcadia Publishing later this year and is looking for your photos!

The Images of America series chronicles the history of small towns and downtowns across the country. Each title features more than 200 vintage images, capturing often forgotten bygone times and bringing to life the people, places, and events that defined a community.

Local authors transform dusty albums and artifacts into meaningful walks down memory lane. Millions of vintage images become tiny time capsules, re-establishing memories of the formerly familiar, introducing generations to what once was, and reminding us all of what has been (and can be) in every corner of our nation.

Sarah is currently looking for residents interested in having their photos of Franklin included in her book. She is looking for this to be an inclusive project with residents or former residents of all walks of life represented in the book.

Sarah is a lifetime resident of Franklin and still lives in the house she was born in. "As a young woman, The Franklin Project (a long-term local history research project) that 11<sup>th</sup> graders at Franklin High School were assigned really fanned the flames for me. Discovering things about my relatives and the ever changing façade of the City, hearing the stories of my parents and grandparents – all of these things gave me the fire to truly want to bring this book to fruition," says Sarah.

Residents with photos they would like to share are encouraged to contact Sarah at Sarah.Ann.Benton@gmail.com or 814-580-8161.

If you would like more information or to schedule an interview with Sarah Ann Benton, email her at Sarah.Ann.Benton@gmail.com or call (814)580-8161.